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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE.

Applicants: Masamitsu NAKAMINAMI et al.
Application No.: 09/849,437
Filed : May 7, 2001
Title : MACHINE TOOL

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Examiner: Miller, B.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

AND

NOTIFICATION OF FILING OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, applicants hereby notify the USPTO about the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for one (1) month to May 27, 2003, thereby maintaining copendency to file an RCE.

No extension of time has been previously obtained for filing the response. Thus a fee of \$110.00 for an extension of one month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17 and 1.136(a) is required.

Transmittal Letter and Petition for Extension of
Time and Notification of Filing of Request for
Continued Examination (RCE)

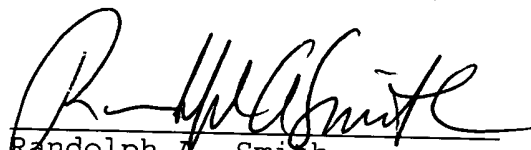
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The \$110.00 fee for the extension of time and the \$750.00 fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e) for filing the RCE are authorized to be paid as stated in the accompanying RCE Transmittal Letter.

If any fees are required to maintain this application in pending status for the purpose of filing the RCE, the USPTO is authorized to charge these amounts to our Deposit Account No. 19-2586, referencing Attorney Docket No. 0071/007001.

Respectfully submitted,


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Date: May 27, 2003

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